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FVAP is Updating Key Forms for 2014 – We Need Your Input!

The Federal Post Card Application (FPCA) (SF-76) and Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot (FWAB) (SF 186) forms are being updated to increase their ease-of-use and effectiveness. The two forms are available on the Federal Register for your review and comment.

We are seeking technical and design comments and recommendations from:

- Those who use the forms: military members, their spouses and overseas citizens;
- State and local election officials who process these forms;
- Organizations who assist the above groups; and
- Members of the general public.

Suggestions are welcome on all aspects of the forms: layout, flow and design, form instructions, wording, and technical issues. The goal is for the voter to provide all required information on the first submission and reduce the need for additional communication between voters and election officials.

A summary of the changes from the current versions of the FPCA and FWAB can be found in the Supplementary Information section of the Federal Register Notices. When you send your comments and suggestions, please indicate if you are a military or overseas citizen absentee voter, an election official, or a member of the public.

Form usability is an important part of this redesign process. Please download and complete the forms as if you were registering to vote, requesting an absentee ballot or completing a back-up ballot to help ensure the forms are easy and intuitive to use. Provide any usability comments using the process below.

To view Federal Register Notices:

FPCA: <https://federalregister.gov/a/2013-07485>

FWAB: <https://federalregister.gov/a/2013-07486>

To view Draft Forms:

FPCA: <http://www.regulations.gov/#!docketDetail;D=DOD-2013-OS-0061>

FWAB: <http://www.regulations.gov/#!docketDetail;D=DOD-2013-OS-0065>

To submit comments and suggestions:

Online: Comments and usability feedback should be submitted on the Federal eRulemaking Portal. Use the links above or <http://www.regulations.gov>.



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Please do not send comments directly to FVAP. Also, pass this notice on to anyone who may have valuable input toward improvement of the forms.

For more information on FVAP or assistance with the absentee voting process, visit FVAP.gov for live chat assistance, call FVAP at 1-800-438-VOTE or DSN 425-1584 (CONUS)/312-425-1584 (OCONUS), or email vote@fvap.gov. Remember, you also can contact your unit or installation voting assistance officers for assistance during any step of the process.

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